

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, 17-22, 24-25, and 28-34 are now pending in the application. Of these pending claims, Claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, and 17-22, 24-25, and 28-34 stand rejected. By this amendment, Claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, 17, 19-21 have been amended.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 1-3, 5, and 8-10 stand objected to for various informalities. By this amendment, the identified claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the claim rejections are respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-13, and 17-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,879,404) in view of Homsy (U.S. Patent No. 4,778,474); and Claims 19-22, 24, 25 and 28-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bateman, et al. in view of Homsy and further in view of Lin, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,782,930).

Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview of June 7, 2005. During this interview, the above-noted prior art and each of the independent claims were discussed, including the amendment herein. A provisional agreement was reached during this telephone interview regarding the claim amendments. In this regard, the Examiner has acknowledged that the claims as amended are allowable over the current art of record.


Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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